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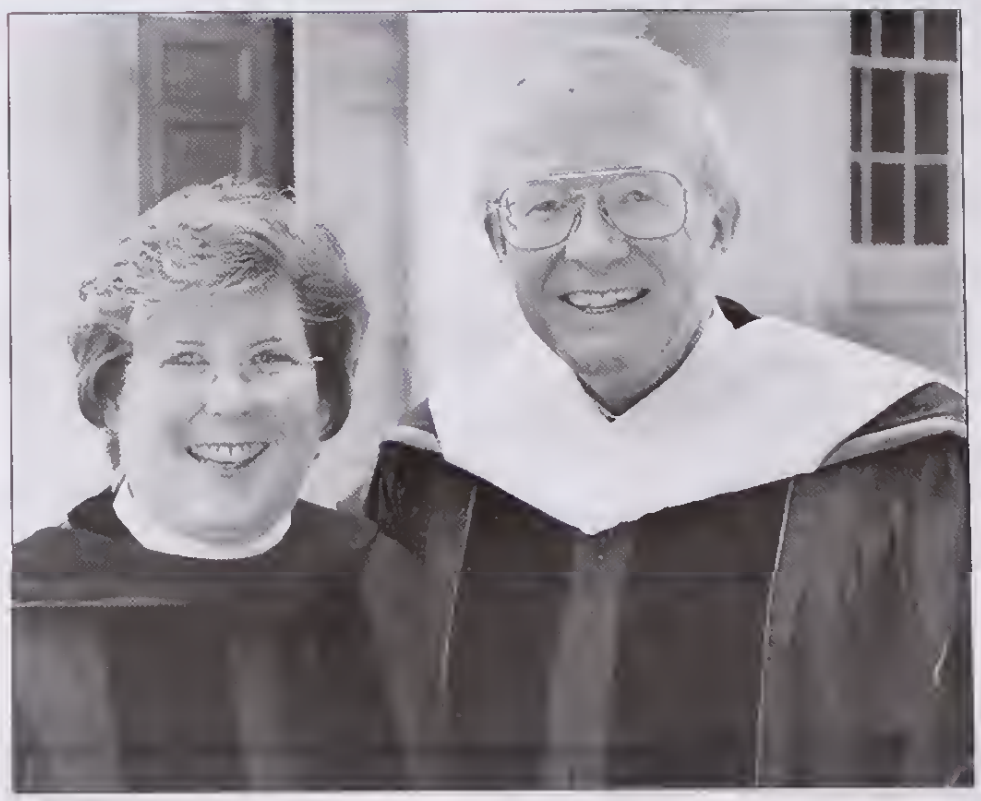
President Douglas Oldenburg to retire



Board Chair Joanna M. Adams '79 and President Douglas W. Oldenburg

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY'S Board of Trustees has announced that Douglas W. Oldenburg, seventh president of the seminary, plans to retire next year. At its fall meeting in October, Columbia's Board of Trustees granted Oldenburg a six-month terminal sabbatical, beginning June 30, with official retirement set for December 31, 2000. It is expected that a new president will assume the office on July 1, 2000.

Oldenburg, who will be 65 years old in February, became president on January 1, 1987. During his tenure, the faculty and administration have been strengthened, new positions have been added to the faculty, and the student body has increased. Initiatives begun under Oldenburg's tenure include programs in Christian Spirituality and New Church Development.

The seminary budget has increased from $3.9 million to $10.1 million, and the endowment from $27 million to $155 million, due in part to two large trusts received during his tenure. A capital campaign, at the time the largest in theological education, raised more than 34 million dollars and included funds for the addition to Columbia's library, which more than doubled its space, and the enhancing of campus landscaping. Several buildings have been renovated, and an expansion of the Harrington Center for Continuing Education and Church Growth has added classrooms, an auditorium, guest rooms, and another chapel to the campus.

Oldenburg came to Columbia from the pastorate. He was pastor of

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New professors greet new students following opening convocation.

Columbia opens doors for 172nd session

THE SUN WAS high in the September sky as faculty, staff, and students made the short trip across Kirk Road to Columbia Presbyterian Church. Faculty, in academic regalia, and staff were lined up and waiting to lead the processional. Returning students stood and talked with one another, while the entering Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree class moved forward, uncertain of what lay ahead — for the next hour and for the next three years.

For the 172nd time, Columbia Theological Seminary flung open its doors to begin a new year in theological education. Entering students joined the community by answering the pledge asked of all students. All members of the community and friends renewed their baptisms and commitment to discipleship.

Joanna Adams, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, and chair of Columbia's Board of Trustees, addressed the Columbia community on "A New Vision of Excellence." Using texts from Isaiah 52, Philippians 4, and Luke 22, Adams spoke on servant leadership as "the only place where true excellence will be found. The future lies in those institutions and individuals that draw upon the forces of love, forgiveness, reconciliation, and empowerment of all people... because God set the world to working that way a long time ago."

Following convocation, the new class was officially greeted by the faculty. Then everyone headed to the Richards Center for a community-wide lunch.

Ann Clay Adams, director of admissions, introduced the new basic degree students, while Charles Raynal, director of advanced studies and associate professor of theology, spoke about the advanced degrees students. Erskine Clarke '66, professor of American religious history and director of Columbia's international program, introduced international students and scholars. James Hudnut-Beumler, executive vice president and dean of faculty, introduced the staff and faculty, including new members.

Seventy-seven new students joined Columbia's community in September

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To My Dear Friends…

A letter from Douglas W. Oldenburg, President

JANUARY 1, 2000, will mark the beginning of my fourteenth year as president of Columbia Seminary. I am profoundly thankful to God for the opportunity to serve Columbia over these years and for the wonderful support I have received. As I review my tenure at Columbia, I have a deep sense of satisfaction over the progress we have made — the faculty and administration have been strengthened, the endowment has been enlarged, the campus landscaping has been beautified, old buildings have been renovated, new buildings have been built, and now a long-range strategic plan, "Vision 20/20," is in place. Of course, none of this could have been done without the hard work and support of many people. Indeed, I have had the distinct privilege of working with some of the finest people in the world.

I am also grateful for the encouragement I received from the Board of Trustees, the vice presidents, the faculty, and many of you to stand for moderator of the 210th General Assembly. My years in the pastorate, my tenure as president of Columbia, and my year as moderator have provided a lifetime of memories that will always "fill my cup" of gratitude to overflowing and bring a smile to my face. God has blessed me beyond compare!

When I spoke to the board about standing for moderator, I said that, should I be elected, I would return as full-time president of Columbia "for at least a year." At my request, the board has granted me a six-month terminal sabbatical, beginning on June 30, 2000, and I will officially retire on December 31, 2000. It is expected that a new president would assume the office on July 1, 2000.

I will be 65 years old on February 22, 2000, and I believe it is an appropriate time for the seminary to have a new president to lead it into the new millennium and achieve the goals we have outlined in our new strategic plan. The plan calls for another major capital campaign for the seminary to begin in the early 2000's, and it is imperative that a new president establish a strong relationship with our constituencies before leading the campaign. I am also aware that several major retirements will occur in the next few years at Columbia, and it seems appropriate that I retire before those retirements occur in order that a new president may have the opportunity to help select new people to fill those important positions.

Claudia and I have a home in Davidson, North Carolina, and we are both eager to spend more time there and do things together while we are still enjoying good health. Columbia is a great seminary, and I have been highly honored to serve as its seventh president. Thanks be to God! □

Professor of Ministry Cameron Murchison

Professor becomes pastor again

"IS IT LIKE riding a bicycle?" Thus did a student in a mid-summer communication pose the somewhat impertinent question, launched all the way from the Decatur I knew to the Decatur I was coming to know. She wanted to know how I was finding the experience of being engaged full-time in pastoral ministry once again. Three years before, I had responded to the call to become professor of ministry at Columbia Seminary, leaving the congregation with which I had ministered for eight years to bring what I had learned there to bear on the preparation of others for ministry. But in the summer of 1999 the tables were turned again — at least temporarily. I undertook to participate in a pastor/professor exchange with the Rev. Jim Montgomery who serves First Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Illinois.

From the beginning, everyone knew it would not be quite the same — for either the pastor or the professor. We were each to undertake temporary assignments. That meant the abiding relationships and long-term commitments typical of a pastor's relationship to a congregation would be absent. But we were each to undertake assignments that would inform and strengthen the primary ministry we had in the service of the church's mission.

And it turned out to be like "riding a bicycle" — sort of. Some things came back right away. For example, I was immediately plunged into teaching an adult bible school class each evening of my first week. There I quickly remembered how earnest conversation around important issues of faith and life is often a powerful source of a minister's own learning. Members were also in the hospital that first week, so I learned my way around the local hospitals. What those visits reminded me of most forcefully is the way in which people in distress trust those of us whose office embodies both the presence of the church and the presence of God. It was surprising and humbling to "remember" this part of ministry in the congregation. That same experience was magnified in the pastoral relationships that began to grow — notwithstanding (or perhaps because of) the abbreviated time of my presence. Ministers really do live in an unusually privileged place, close to much that touches human lives deeply.

Yet, while some things were thus familiar, other things were genuinely fresh and new. The particular congregation I served with in Decatur, Illinois, undertook during my time there to begin re-imagining its mission in that particular community. Located in the center of a thriving Midwestern city, First Presbyterian Church demonstrated uncommon temerity in asking what — in the providence of God — it should be about in its particular location, at this particular time. I did not have the satisfaction nor the accountability of seeing that process of discernment through to the end. Still, I was forcefully reminded that matters of the church's mission are more richly and realistically addressed in congregational life than we can mimic in seminary.

And there was the weekly worship of the congregation and my regular engagement in the preaching task. It was especially reassuring to realize that all that was happening in the individual lives of the members and in the corporate missional life of that congregation was embraced by the celebrations of God's goodness in weekly worship and informed by the reading and proclaiming of the persistent word of God's astounding, outreaching welcome.

The time was all too short, even if a lot of ministry is like "riding a bicycle." But it was a rich and rewarding time of re-acquaintance and exploration refracted in T.S. Eliot's provocative words:

With the drawing of this love and
the voice of this calling
We shall not cease from exploration;
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
Four Quartets □

Cameron Murchison

Pastor exchanges pulpit with professor

WHEN I ARRIVED at First Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Illinois, eight years ago, the chair of the Pulpit Nominating Committee asked me an intriguing question. "Jim, what do you need in order to be an effective pastor?"

Among other things, the question allowed me to talk with them about the possibility of a sabbatical, which led the church to grant me an extended study leave of three months. This past summer I took them up on their offer.

A few years ago I learned of Columbia Seminary's "Pastor-Professor Exchange," a program which allows a parish pastor to spend time at Columbia while a professor preaches and takes care of the congregation. And so I pursued an exchange with Cam Murchison, Columbia's ministry professor.

During my six weeks at Columbia, I worshiped, read, and studied. I became part of a caring, competent community of people who work and worship, witness and serve, study and teach.

For the first few days I was on campus, the library computers and Internet scared me, because I am still such a novice. Hoping for access to library material, I asked for assistance and was rescued and led through the maze.

Perhaps the most important "element" in the professor-pastor exchange was the professor who came. Dr. Cam Murchison was a strong "non-anxious presence" for the congregation. He preached excellent sermons and gently encouraged this regional, downtown church on her faithful path. He visited, offered keen observations and wise counsel at committee meetings, and reminded the congregation that the Head of the Church was neither a pastor nor a professor.

I have frequently been thanked for "bringing Cam Murchison to us." The congregation was well-served, and so was I.

I accomplished my goals. I wanted to learn what makes for healthy congregations and pastors. I wanted to experience my pastor-friends at work in their parishes, so I would leave the campus for three or four days at a time. Finally, I think I also wanted to be reminded that I am not alone in this endeavor. There are other strong communities of hope being served by faithful and talented pastors. It was important to be reminded of that, and it was encouraging to be at Columbia Seminary. □

James Montgomery

1999 Master of Divinity degree graduates and placements

David Bonds, pastor, Christ United Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN
Janice Clark, English teacher, Kinjo Gaukuin, Nagoya, Japan
John Cook
Carol DiGiusto, associate pastor, Palms Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville Beach, FL
Cynthia Dixon
Maxine Edwards, associate pastor, Parkway Presbyterian Church, Cumming, GA
Alex Feliberty-Ruberte, lecturer in humanities, Community College of the East, Cabo Rojo, PR, and instructor of religion, Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, San German, PR
Karla Fleshman, new church development, Metropolitan Community Church, Philadelphia, PA
Steve Floeck, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Angleton, TX
Richard Floyd, graduate study, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Laurie Furr-Vancini, associate pastor, Hodges Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, FL
Jamie Gabler, associate pastor, North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA
Bill Garrison, pastor, Walkersville Presbyterian Church, Waxhaw, NC
Susannah Hager
Jennifer Ham
Ralph Hawkins, pastor, Altavista Presbyterian Church, Altavista, VA
Noelle Henry, parish resident, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN
Joe Hinds, resident volunteer, Open Door Community, Atlanta, GA
Jennifer Horton
Guy Jennings
Caroline Kelly
Greg Kershner, program manager, Interfaith Relations Department, Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, Houston, TX
Shannon Kershner, associate pastor, The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church, The Woodlands, TX
Ok-Kee Kim
Sue Kim
David Lindsay, associate pastor, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC
Gerone Lockhart, graduate study, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
Rob Lohmeyer, student stated supply, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Elberton, GA
Gary Lowe, pastor, Ray Memorial Presbyterian Church, Monroe, GA
Anna McArthur, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Oxford, MS
Keith Miller
Melanie Mitchell
Lance Mullins
Wendy Neff, volunteer in mission, Cook Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Northern Ireland
Juliann Pugh, associate pastor, Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill, PA
Dennis Reid, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Bonita Springs, FL
David Richardson
Ron Sabo, pastor, Pine Grove Presbyterian Church, Greenback, TN, and Baker's Creek Presbyterian Church, Maryville, TN
LaDonna Scruggs, chaplain, Florida Presbyterian Homes, Lakeland, FL
Kyle Segars, copy cataloger, John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Seminary
Erin Sharp
Mickey Shealy, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Gallatin, TN
Stephanie Shelby, graduate study, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
Meda Stamper, graduate study, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
Joel Thornton, pastor, Hurley Presbyterian Church, Hurley, VA, and Clark Memorial Presbyterian Church, Roseann, VA
Julie Walkup, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, TX
Beth Yarborough, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN

Master of Arts (Theological Studies)

Virginia Gartrell, Decatur, GA

Master of Theology

*Robert H. Craig, Howford, FL
*Li-Shu Huang, Chia-yi, Taiwan
Sunghake Kim, Decatur, GA, "An Evaluation of Shamanistic Practices in the Spiritual Life of the Korean Christian Church"
Timothy Mallard, Heidelberg, Germany, "Sermon to Sermon: The Prose Sermons of Jeremiah as Narratival Sources for Modern Preaching"
Zsolt Ötvös, Gelenes, Hungary, "Judges 5"
Timothy Slemmons, Tarentum, PA, "Preaching the Dead Ego: An Association of the Living Word"
José Luis Velazco, Mexico City, Mexico, "The Significance of Dietrich Bonhoeffer for Protestant Christians and Churches in Mexico"
James Victor, Stone Mountain, GA, "Just Over in the Gloryland: The Recovery of Otherworldliness in Black Theology"

**Research course option rather than thesis*

Doctor of Theology dissertations

Paul Fulks, Raleigh, NC, "A Typology of Loneliness for Pastoral Counseling"
Russell Jones, Asheville, NC, "Depression and Despair: Towards a Religious Psychology of Depression"

Doctor of Ministry dissertations

Brad Ableson, Springfield, VA, "Fields of Blood: A Theological Critique of American Landmine Policy in Light of the 1997 Ottawa Process"
Catherine L. Allsbury, Little Rock, AR, "The Place of Retired Clergy in the Life and Mission of the Presbytery of Arkansas"
Rick Baggett, Ft. Myers, FL, "Older Adults: How They Listen and Respond to the Biblical Narratives, Especially the Parables Taught by Jesus, for Making Meaning in Their Lives"
David Campbell, Springfield, VA, "I Love to Tell The Story: Defending the Faith in the Postmodern Parish"
William Coker, Valdosta, GA, "Using Family Systems Concepts for Congregational Renewal"
Pamela Patrick Cole, Marietta, SC, "It Is Not What You Are Eating: It Is What Is Eating You. The Psalms as a Spiritual Program of Recovery from Compulsive Overeating"
Tom Diamond, Jacksonville, FL, "Developing a Key Component to Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church Model of Ministry for Black Men"
Sandra Fox, Douglasville, GA, "Teens in Trouble: Crossing the Line"
Gary Fulton, Raleigh, NC, "A Model for the Evaluation of Ministry"
George Gitahi, Nyeri, Kenya, "The Prophetic Witness of the Church in Kenya"
Donald Gordon, Mt. Olive, NC, "A Concise History of North Carolina Baptists"
Kathleen Hall, Clarkesville, GA, "The Development of a Curriculum for High School Teens to Engage in an Urban Immersion Experience"
Stephen Hannah, Bessemer City, NC, "The Narrative: The Centrality of Story to Human Understanding of Self and God. An Exploration into Narrative from Theological, Psychological, and Homiletical Perspectives"
Timothy Hobbs, Duluth, GA, "Solidarity with the Poor as an Expression of Faithful Discipleship to the Vision of Christ"
Kenneth Jarvis, Vandalia, MO, "A New Paradigm for Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Sessions"
Gloria Jennings, Augusta, GA, "Biblical Women: A Study of the Roots of Gender Discrimination and Reinterpretation for the Contemporary Church"
Inéz Jimenéz-Dietsch, Guaynabo, PR, "The Hymnody of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Puerto Rico: An Example of the Role of Music in the Formation of Generation Gaps"
Raye Jones, Beaufort, SC, "A Child in Their Midst: Strengthening the Children's Sermon"
Seungtae Lee, Charlotte, NC, "Justification in Dialog and Its Social Implication: Rethinking the Doctrine of 'Justification by Faith' for Reconciliation in Ministry"
Frederick Lewis, Oreland, PA, "The Practice of Reconciliation: A Paradigm for Small Groups"
Joseph Martin, Morrow, GA, "Dancing with Habitat: The Graceful Yet Sometimes Awkward Relationship of the Local Church and Habitat"
Doris Mattison, Arcadia, FL, "Developing a Womanist Model of Children and Youth Enrichment"
Ann McCord, Atlanta, GA, "A Study of the Need for After-School Programs in Light of Changes in Culture and Society"
Amy Morgan, Conyers, GA, "Transforming Faith in the Transitions of Life: The Use of Narrative and Ritual in Adult Christian Education"
Linda Morgan, Lincolnton, NC, "An Examination of the Discipline of Pastoral Counseling Reflected in the Practice of Preaching"
Terris Neuman, Lakeland, FL, "Images of Pastoral Ministry for the Contemporary North American Church"
John Oliver, Durham, NC, "Pastoral Knowledge of and Concern for Individuals Suffering Symptoms of Postraumatic Stress Disorder"
Craig Rikard, Cordele, GA, "Consultation in the United Methodist Church: Bringing Together Itineracy, Consultation, and Mission"
Scott Rollins, Cleveland, TN, "Renewing Congregational Mission: Transformation Through Education"
Robert Sharman, Athens, AL, "Using the Biblical Languages in Preaching and Teaching"
Ben Sloan, Georgetown, SC, "Spiritual Direction for an Older Adult Group in a Mid-Sized Church"
Bradley Smith, Columbia, SC, "An Educational Resource for the Souper Bowl of Caring"
Young Song, Bridgewater, NJ, "Developing a Community-Based Methodology that Better Serves the Evolving Korean-American Presbyterian Church"
Diana Spangler-Crawford, Valdese, NC, "A Model for Forming and Training a Bioethics Committee"
Dennis Tedder, Clinton, SC, "Building Households of Faith: Parents and Preschoolers Growing in Faith Together"
Steven Voris, Alliance, NE, "Teaching the Church How to Offer Intercessory Prayer for Enemies and Evildoers"
Ronald Watson, St. Simons, GA, "The Spiritual Guidance of the Adult Children of Divorce"
Dianne Wright, Florence, SC, "African-American Spirituality for Ministry and Mission"

Continuing Education and Lay Institute Calendar

For further information or to register for courses, call or write: Rebecca S. Parker, Director of Continuing Education, or Richard S. Dietrich, Director of the Lay Institute of Faith and Life Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA 30031/404-378-8821.

November 7 – December 17 ART EXHIBITION Opening Reception, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., November 7.

November 8 READING by poet Anna Babson Carter, author of *Strike Root*. 7:30 p.m., Harrington Center.

November 8-11 WHEN THE HONEYMOON IS OVER: EIGHTEEN MONTHS INTO THE MINISTRY This seminar will explore the significant transition in ministry after a full year with a congregation and help develop styles of ministry. Leaders: David Dobi and Stephen Cahoon, TAS2TE, Transition and Survival Skills Training Experience. Cost: $165.

November 16 FAITH AND FILM Share your theological insights and criticisms as we discuss the film of the month. Leader: Fritz Bogar. Meets every third Tuesday of the month in the Harrington Center, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. For a list of recent and upcoming movies, call 404/687-4577. Cost: $10 annual dues.

December 7 THEOLOGY AND LITERATURE In a monthly book discussion, learn to read fiction with faith discernment. Leader: Rick Dietrich. Meets every first Tuesday of the month in the Harrington Center, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. For a list of recent and upcoming books, call 404/687-4577. Cost: $10 annual dues.

February 3, 10, 17, 24 WINTER MORNING LAY SCHOOL Cost: $30.

February 7, 14, 21, 28 WINTER EVENING LAY SCHOOL Choose from three courses spanning four Monday evenings. Leaders: Clay Hulet, Walter Brueggemann, Pete Paulsen. Cost: $40.

February 8 CERTIFICATION EOR ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL — POLITY Cost: $40.

February 8, 15, 22, 29 EUCHARIST AND MISSION A Lay Institute course offered at First Presbyterian Church in Cartersville, GA. Leaders: Darrell Guder, Catherine Gonzalez. Cost TBA.

February 12 BRIGHT WATERS: WHERE FEMINISM AND SPIRITUALITY MEET Leader: Carol Lee Flinders. Cost: $65.

March 13 LENT RETREAT

Advent: A season for the soul

THIS NOVEMBER 19 workshop for pastors begins the process of preparing for Advent and receiving ideas for enriching the celebration of Advent. The workshop will use Advent texts to explore metaphor and story, allegory and image, scripture and song.

The Rev. Suzanne Guthrie will lead the event. She received a degree in spirituality from the Oblate School of theology and leads retreats and schools of prayer throughout the United States. She is the author of *Grace's Window, Entering the Seasons of Prayer*, and *Sacred Day*. Her columns have appeared in *Christian Century* and other journals. Ms. Guthrie is the children's priest at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Kingston, New York.

Cost is $45. For more information or to register, contact 404/687-4562. □

Art exhibition opens

THIS FALL THE Lay Institute of Faith and Life will sponsor the juried exhibition, "Violence/Shelter/Sanctuary."

"Violence/Shelter/Sanctuary" opens November 7 and runs through December 15. The theme of the exhibition recognizes that we are a country struggling with violence. We are also a country recently at war. The exhibition asks if there is shelter for those weary of the violence. Is there sanctuary for the victims of violence? What images propel us in the right direction?

This is the third juried exhibition sponsored by the Lay Institute of works of art that make visual and spiritual statements. For more information, call 404/687-4577. □

January Seminars feature new Columbia faculty members

THE JANUARY SEMINARS, January 24-27, 2000 , will feature the new professors who have joined Columbia's faculty in the last two years. These professors bring a wealth of experience in the church and in their academic fields. In this concentrated format, participants will have the opportunity to meet the people who will shape the character and education of Columbia in the future.

Workshops to be offered are as follows: Bill Harkins, instructor in pastoral care and theology, "Leadership: Creating a Healthy Church"; Anna Carter Florence, instructor in preaching and worship, "Performing/Proclaiming the Word: A Workshop in Scripture Reading for Congregational Worship"; Mark Douglas, instructor in Christian ethics, "Speaking as Christians in the Public Square, or Who Has Claimed Our Voice Since the Christian Coalition?"; Christine Roy Yoder, instructor in Old Testament, "Rebuilding Our House: Community and Theology in the Postextile"; Margit Ernst, instructor in theology, "The Reformed Tradition and Feminist Theologies"; Sharon Mook, assistant professor of pastoral theology and care, "Pastors Under-standing What They Are and Are Not Responsible For"; and Elizabeth Johnson, professor of New Testament, "Water Is Thicker Than Blood."

The seminars will offer an opportunity to meet with the professors at an informal gathering as well as in the classroom.

Costs range from $50 for a one-day course to $125 for a two-day course. For more information, call 404/687-4562. □

OASIS 2000

A conference on Reformed spirituality for laity and clergy

February 28 – March 2, 2000
Atlanta, Georgia

ALL EVENTS WILL be held at First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.

This event is sponsored by six Presbyterian seminaries — Austin, Columbia, Johnson C. Smith, Louisville, Pittsburgh, San Francisco — The Outreach Foundation, The Christian Faith and Life Program Area of the General Assembly PC(USA), Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, and First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.

Platform speakers include Ben Johnson, John M. Mulder, David Wallace, Andrew Purves, Eugenia Gamble, Walter Brueggemann, Andrew Dreitcer, Stacy Johnson, Kris Haig, Robert Shelton, Douglas Oldenburg. Seminars available: *Praying in a Different Way, Spirituality and the Mission of the Church, Building Community through Small Groups*, plus eight others.

To receive a brochure with registration form, write Oasis 2000, Columbia Seminary, P.O. Box 520, Decatur GA 30031, or call 404/687-4557; fax 404/687-4591. Visit the web site at www.oasis2000.com for complete information. □

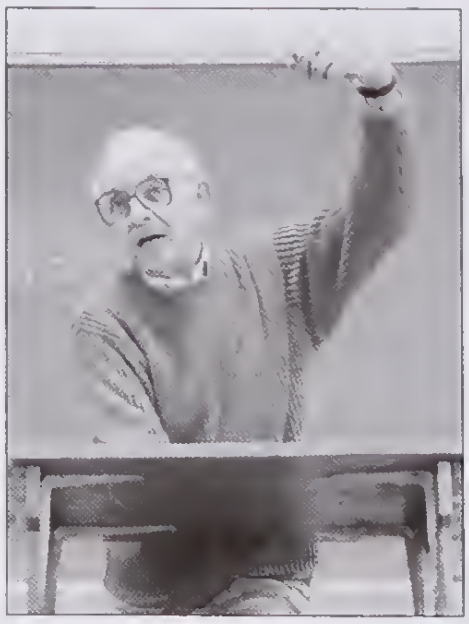
Calvin Studies Colloquium scheduled January 28-29, 2000

CONTINUING A SERIES begun in 1982 in Davidson, North Carolina, Columbia Seminary will sponsor the tenth Colloquium of Calvin Studies on Friday and Saturday, January 28 and 29, 2000. This program on John Calvin's theology is being presented by Columbia's Continuing Education and Advanced Studies Offices.

Over the years, the Calvin Colloquium has brought together men and women active in the pastorate, teachers in college, university, and seminary settings, as well as lay people. This year, papers will be given by Herman Selderhuis, Theological University of Apeldoorns, The Netherlands; David Wright, New College, University of Edinburgh; Robert M. Kingdon, University of Wisconsin; J. Wayne Baker, University of Akron; George Hunsinger, Barth Project, Princeton Theological Seminary; Darryl Hart, Westminster Theological Seminary; and other scholars.

A Friday evening banquet is planned. Cost for the event is $15, not including the banquet and room and board for those staying on campus. Housing will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis at the seminary and at local motels.

For more information or to register, call 404/687-4562. □



Professor Shirley Guthrie

Guthrie Scholars program offers reflection, analysis

OFFERED BI-ANNUALLY AT Columbia Seminary, the Guthrie Scholars program is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Participants are given the occasion to take one week of their lives to explore issues of interest within their particular ministries.

The Guthrie Scholarship is designed to offer persons a week on the Columbia campus to use the resources of the seminary, library, faculty, and facilities to address these questions through the lens of their own particular contexts.

The week is a gift of rejuvenation for pastors, Christian educators, lay pastors, judicatory staff, and, in some cases, for lay persons deeply involved in the life of the church. The scholarship, named in honor of Professor Shirley Guthrie, offers the opportunity to reflect on what it means to be the church and to embody the Gospel. It offers participants "space to listen to and take seriously their own ideas," comments program director, Rebecca Parker. Room and board are included in the program, leaving travel as the only cost to participants.

During the most recent Guthrie Scholarship program, a lay pastor arrived prepared to do research on evangelism, but through study and conversation found an unexpected emphasis on spirituality within the research. Another scholar arrived with a question which he wanted to explore further: "Why aren't youth coming to church?" A third participant used the week to explore an idea that led to an ecumenical hunger project in Michigan. Whatever the situation, thoughtful theological reflection and analysis of the issues are critical steps toward action.

This event recognizes gifts in all areas of ministry. The primary qualification is having a desire to explore a topic which is of interest to the participant as well as relevant to the Reformed tradition. Applicants submit their proposal ideas, and six participants are selected by a committee of the seminary.

The program takes place in November and May. The next date, following the November 1999 event, is May 8-12, 2000. For more information or for an application, contact the Office of Continuing Education at 404/687-4562 or email: ParkerR@CTSnet.edu. □

Ruth Lovell '00

Barbara Poe, communications, alumni/ae and church relations assistant in the Development Office, received the Betsey Burgess Staff Award for faithfulness, dedicated service, and Christian character upholding the seminary's purpose and mission. With her is Keith Morrison '00, who received the Miss C. Virginia Harrison Award, presented to a senior who is conscientious, responsible, hard working, and who will make a great contribution to the Presbyterian Church (USA). The awards were presented at the community-wide lunch after opening convocation.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte for 15 years, following 10 years as pastor at Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Elkins, West Virginia, and at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, Virginia. His service to the Presbyterian Church (USA) has continued throughout his presidency, as he chaired the denomination's Committee on Theological Education and was last year elected moderator of the 210th General Assembly.

A search committee has been formed, consisting of board members, faculty members, a student, and alumni/ae. The Rev. Joseph Harvard '66, board member and pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Durham, North Carolina, is chair of the committee.

Other members are: Board of Trustees Chair Joanna Adams '79, pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta; John Aldridge, partner, Long, Aldridge and Norman, Atlanta; Kathryn Summers Bean '01, Rock Hill, South Carolina; Erskine Clarke '66, professor of American religious history; Franklin Colclough, associate executive, New Harmony Presbytery, Sumter, South Carolina; Florida Ellis, clerk of session, First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, and chair, Board of Directors, FCS Urban Ministries; Catherine Gonzalez, professor of church history; William Morris, chief executive officer and chairman, Morris Communications Corporation, Augusta, Georgia; William Scheu, attorney, Rogers, Towers, Bailey, Jones and Gay, Jacksonville, Florida; Trisha Senterfitt '93, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta; Thomas Walker '65, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, Tennessee; and John Weitnauer, retired executive, Richway Inc., St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Commenting on Oldenburg's tenure and legacy, Board Chair Joanna Adams said, "Throughout the 13 years of his presidency, Douglas Oldenburg has led Columbia Theological Seminary with exceptional vision, uncommon integrity, and consistent good sense. Never has the seminary been stronger as an institution in service to the church. We give thanks to God for President Oldenburg's outstanding legacy of leadership." □

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to study in its five degree programs.

Forty-six students have entered the Master of Divinity program. The class is 54 percent male, 46 percent female and is one of the youngest classes of the decade.

These students come from 16 states and England. Eighty-seven percent of the new students are members of the Presbyterian Church (USA), with seven other denominations also represented.

Several members of the entering class have served in volunteer mission programs in England, Ghana, Jerusalem, and Miami, Florida. Others have been church educators, youth ministers, accountants, or employees of *Atlantic Monthly* and AT&T.

Seven students have been added to the Master of Arts (MATS) program. Over half of this class is African-American, and none of them is from the PC(USA).

The new group of Doctor of Ministry students is composed of 19 persons from five denominations and 12 states.

Four new students have entered the Master of Theology program, and one new student has begun the Doctor of Theology degree.

This year's international students and scholars come from Korea, South Africa, Jamaica, Hungary, Scotland, Kenya, Italy, Japan, Hong Kong, the Czech Republic, and Congo. Their time of studies at Columbia will range from one month to several years.

Recipients of scholarships and awards were announced. Hudnut-Beumler introduced students who are recipients of Columbia, Honor, and Merit Scholarships. The Ludwig Richard Max Dewitz Old Testament Studies Award was given to Susan Buell (MATS '00). The C. Virginia Harrison Memorial Fund Award was given to Keith Morrison '00, and the Betsey Burgess Staff Award was presented to Barbara Poe.

In 1828, the first five students gathered around Dr. Thomas Goulding's dining room table for classes. The feeling of home, the sense of community, and the commitment to solid theological education are still present today. □

Katie Ricks '01

For the Record

If you have recent news to contribute to this section, please mail it to the editor, or you may e-mail it to harperj@CTSnet.edu.

John Herndon '85, pastor of the Fellowship church in Huntsville, AL, has been endorsed by North Alabama Presbytery as a nominee for moderator of the 212th General Assembly, PC(USA).....**Laura Dorsey** '88 (DMin '93) is chair and founder of Gardens for Peace, an international organization that designates gardens world-wide for meditation and peace.....**Keith Freeman** '95 is pastor of the Glenwood, FL, church.....**Jim Cook** '97 is associate pastor of Banff Parish church, which is yoked with King Edward church, Banff, Scotland..... **Unyong Kim** '94 has received the Ph.D. from Union-PSCE.....**Cameron Murchison**, professor of ministry, preached at Friendship church, Athens, GA, and South Highlands church, Birmingham, AL. He was a faculty participant with D.Min. students attending a seminar in China, and led the officers retreat for Druid Hills church, Atlanta, GA, and classes for Commissioned Lay Pastors in Central Florida Presbytery.....**Ray Roberts** '84 received the Ph.D. in history and theology from Union-PSCE. He is pastor of the Grace church, Jenkintown, PA. ....**James Hudnut-Beumler**, executive vice president, spoke about Christian stewardship at congregations in Decatur, Atlanta, and Roswell, GA, and Andalusia, AL.....**Preston Shealy** '86 is pastor of White Bluff church, Savannah, GA.....**Yvonne Collie-Pendleton** '98 is associate pastor of the Memorial church, Roosevelt, NY.

Stan Wood, director of the Center for New Church Development (NCD), taught three workshops at the General Assembly, sponsored the national NCD pastor/spouse retreat in Colorado Springs, finalized a draft for the Center's Commissioned Lay Preacher Training for Hispanic NCD pastors for four presbyteries, and met with leaders in these presbyteries. He attended Lilly grant meetings on NCD for the twenty-first century and on a study of Generation X NCD's in Seattle. He led a workshop at First church, Savannah, GA. He preached at the Bethany Collegiate church, Havertown, PA, and First church, Cleveland, TN. Wood conducted research on the Northern Outreach Ministry for NCD in Ghana and met with the Presbyterian Church of Ghana. He was keynote speaker, workshop leader, and preacher at the Presbytery of Utah and preached at the Park City, UT, NCD. He also held NCD seminars and consultations with Denver and East Tennessee presbyteries.....**Helen Heffington** '98 is associate pastor of First church, Ft. Myers, FL.....**Robert Weathersby** '96 is pastor of a new church development in Fort Smith, AR.

Darrell Guder, professor of evangelism and church growth, attended the German Protestant Kirchentag in Stuttgart. He gave presentations on Martin Luther King, Jr. and on the future of the German established church for the students at the Lutheran residence and for students at the Lutheran Collegiate Foundation, University of Göttingen, Germany. He led a parish renewal retreat for St. John's Church, Magstadt, conducted a study day for youth pastors and workers, Church of Württemberg, in Stuttgart-Vaihingen, and co-taught a seminar at Göttingen on the theology of the church's mission in Barth's *Church Dogmatics*. Guder served as a faculty resource person and panelist at the National Presbyterian Students Conference, Austin Seminary, taught a course for Young Life staff in Florida, and gave two presentations for Los Ranchos Presbytery. He visited the Offices of Percept, Inc., Irvine, CA, concerning the changing context of the church in North America, preached at the Trabuco church, Trabuco Canyon, CA, and gave the keynote address for the annual meeting of the Association of Protestant Churches and Missions in Germany in Türingen. Guder has two book reviews in *International Bulletin for Missionary Research*..... **Lynn Rubier-Capron** '98 is director of Christian education at First church, Pittsford, NY.....**Bill Arnold** '66 is associate pastor for senior adults of the Bryn Mawr, PA, church. This follows his 23 years on the faculty of Union-PSCE.....**Hugh Hamilton** '80 is pastor of Trinity church, Pensacola, FL.....

BIRTHS

To Beth Shannon '92 and Clay Faulk '94, a daughter, Abigail Savannah, Aug. 3, 1999.
To Karen '93 and Jon-Paul Estes, a son, Alexander Marcus, June 20, 1999.
To Stephen '95 and Kari Ward Kolmetz '96, a daughter, Sarah Grace, July 18, 1999.
To Mickey '99 and Denise Shealy, a son, Phillip Matthew, Sept. 2, 1999.
To Holly, assistant treasurer, and Jerry Caswell, a daughter, Jesse Ross, July 21, 1999.

DEATHS

George F. Swetnam '25 Cert., '28, April 3, 1999.
Robert L. Alexander '29, Dec. 22, 1998.
J. Walton Stewart '31, July 7, 1999.
Thomas H. Grafton '32, Feb. 27, 1999.
Joseph K. Parker '36, Oct. 20, 1998.
Carl W. Herrick '44, July 5, 1999.
Warren Beale '50, April 15, 1999.
Cook W. Freeman '52, April 19, 1999.
G. Preston Brown '54, Oct. 28, 1998.
Roger A. Gallion '62, May 27, 1999.
John H. Allen '65, Sept. 1, 1999.
Samuel D. Austin '66, Feb. 11, 1999.
Richard M. Slyman '67, Nov. 6, 1998.
Bennett Cox '73, Sept. 1, 1999.

Sara C. Juengst '83 has published *Equipping the Saints: Teacher Training in the Church.*

Ron Cram, associate professor for Christian education, delivered the annual Fahs Lecture in Religious Education in Salt Lake City, reviewed an essay in *Journal of Religious Education*, and led a discussion at Presbytery of Greater Atlanta's Christian education meeting. He led programs at Westminster church, Atlanta, GA, and Eastminster church, Stone Mountain, GA. Cram was nominated president-elect of the Religious Education Association. He is teaching a class on Christian formation for Spring Hill College's extension campus in Atlanta.....**Andy Walton** '92 directed a Montreat Youth Conference in June..... **Pablo Jimenez** (DMin '95) is national Hispanic pastor for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), based in Indianapolis.....**Tully Hunter** '90 is pastor of Colonial Heights church, Kingsport, TN.....**Drew Tomberlin** '87 and Kim White were married in October '98 at the Geneva, GA, church. ....**Don Winborne** '95 is associate pastor at the Bethany church, Rochester, NY.....**Rebecca Parker**, director of continuing education, spoke to the Roswell, GA, Presbyterian Women's gathering.....**Russell McKee** '93 is pastor of the Bethany church, Covington, GA.....**Linda Dickerson** '88 (DMin '98) is pastor of Northside church, Blacksburg, VA. She and the Rev. Doug Rathjen were married recently. ....**Joy White Pruett** '95, a member of the General Assembly Resource Team for Spiritual Formation and parish associate at the Nacoochee, GA, church, co-led a seminar on Sabbath-keeping for Princeton Seminary's continuing education program, directed the Montreat Spirituality Conference in April, served as worship leader for the Leadership Skills Conference and as spiritual director for the Peacemaking Conference.

Kathleen O'Connor, professor of Old Testament, taught a course on Job for the spirituality program at the Birmingham, MI, Retreat and Conference Center. She taught a course in Dublin, Ireland, for a Roman Catholic Bible institute. O'Connor's book, which she co-edited with A.R. Pete Diamond and Louis Stulman, *Troubling Jeremiah*, has been printed by Sheffield Academic Press.....**Martha Jane Petersen** '87 helped found the Arts Committee at Columbia, has had three fabric pieces exhibited in sacred arts exhibitions in Texas and Georgia, and is parish associate at St. Andrews church, Tucker, GA.....**Brian Rummage** '96 is associate pastor of the Quail Hollow church, Charlotte, NC.....**Dan Youngblood** '66 is pastor of Limestone church in Gaffney, SC.....**Chuck Campbell**, associate professor of homiletics, led worship at the Open Door Community, taught a class at Mt. Vernon church, Atlanta, GA, keynoted and led a workshop for the Presbyterian Leadership Training Day for Presbytery of Memphis, and was the speaker at a retreat for pastors and educators of the Moravian Church, South. Campbell preached at Ray Memorial church, Monroe, GA; First church, Stuttgart, AR; and Hopewell church, Florence, SC.....**Anna Carter Florence**, instructor of preaching and worship, preached for the Chicago chapter of "That All May Freely Serve" and at the Village Church, Annisquam, MA, during the summer.

John Knapp (MATS '95) received the Ph.D. in moral theology from the University of Wales (U.K.).....**David Snellgrove** '73 is the new executive for Synod of Living Waters.....**Tom Malone** '71 is associate pastor at the Fountain Inn, SC, church.....**Michael Chaney** '95 is associate pastor for education at First Christian Church, Tucker, GA.....**David Jones** '94 (MAYM '88) is pastor of Harpeth church, Brentwood, TN.....**Rusty Douglas** '80 is pastor First church, Greenwood, MS.....**Randolph Kowalski** '60 was honored by First church, Greenville, SC, on his twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor.....**Billy Robinson** '97 is pastor of the St. Andrews church, Charlotte.....**Kevin Campbell** '98 is pastor of the Raeford, NC, church. □

Alumni/ae Distinguished Service Award

EACH YEAR DURING Colloquium, the Alumni/ae Association presents the Distinguished Service Award to two alumni/ae. To nominate an alumus/a for this award, send the name of the nominee, address, phone numbers, and current position. In addition, send reason(s) for the nomination, being as specific as possible. Please include your name, address, phone numbers, and current position. Mail to Richard DuBose, Vice President for Development, Columbia Seminary, P.O. Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031, call 404/687-4568, or send email to duboser@CTSnet.edu. The deadline is December 31. □

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Patrick Miller, right, the Charles T. Haley Professor of Old Testament Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, was Columbia's Lecturer. His topic was "The Ten Commandments: Foundation and Framework for Biblical Ethics." With him is his brother-in-law, George McMaster '53 (ThM '55).

From the Bookstore

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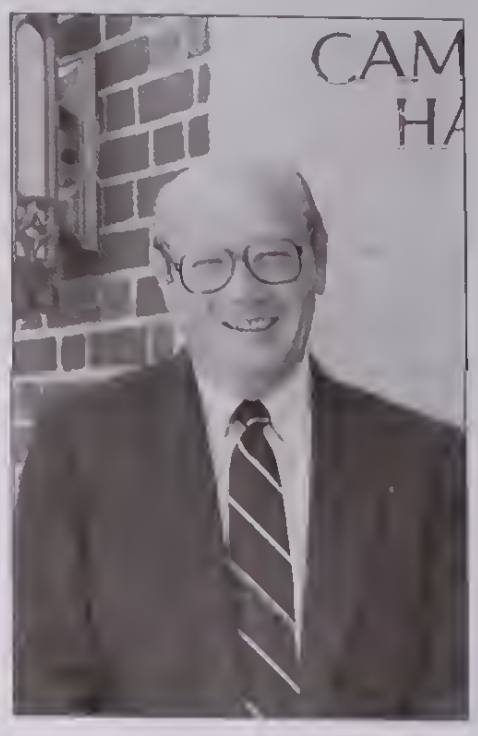

FORMER CHAIR OF Columbia's Board of Directors William A. Adams died on June 15, 1999, at the age of 68. After graduating as his high school valedictorian, Adams went on to graduate with honors from Davidson College in 1952 and Columbia Seminary in 1956. He was pastor of the West Point, Georgia, Presbyterian Church from 1956-1962 and First Presbyterian Church of Athens, Georgia, from 1962-1972. In 1967, he served as moderator of the Synod of Georgia. From January 1973 until his retirement in December 1997, Adams served as executive presbyter and stated clerk of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

In 1974, Presbyterian College awarded Adams the Doctor of Divinity degree. Columbia Seminary honored Adams with the Distinguished Service Award in 1997. He was chair of Columbia's board from 1983 until 1989. During those years, he served as a member of the Presidential Search Committee which brought Douglas Oldenburg to Columbia as its seventh president.

When Adams retired from Columbia's board, President Oldenburg said, "I am deeply indebted to Bill Adams for his marvelous support during my first years at Columbia. He has helped make the transition a smooth one. His knowledge of the Presbyterian Church in the Southeast, his long experience with Columbia, his skill as a moderator, and his personal support and concern have been invaluable to me. Thanks be to God for raising up persons like Bill Adams!"

Adams is survived by his wife, Shirley Ford Adams '77, six children, and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Dunwoody, Georgia, on June 17. Interment was at the Adams family plot in Seneca, South Carolina. Davison Philips '43, president emeritus of Columbia, officiated. Other participants in the service included Christopher Price '79, Chilton Thorington '56, Harry Beverly '58, Albert Reese '56, the Rev. Edwin Albright, and John Roark '64. □

Daughdrill '67 retires as college president

JAMES H. DAUGHDRILL '67 has retired as president of Rhodes College, where he served for 26 years.

Following his arrival in 1973, there was steady growth at Rhodes. Among the noteworthy accomplishments is the $454 million growth in assets during his tenure.

He has been elected to the National Commerce Bancorporation, which operates the Nasdaq stock index. In naming him to the prestigious post, Nasdaq officials said, "Jim has built Rhodes College into one of the top 10 small colleges in the country and one of the top 100 colleges and universities in the nation."

Bill Harkins, Columbia's new instructor in pastoral theology and care, is a Rhodes graduate. He says of Daughdrill, "Jim has been largely responsible for the transformation of a small regional college into a national liberal arts college known for academic excellence. The example he provided by his own life of faith and by his willingness to settle for nothing less than academic and personal integrity has served as a wonderful role model for countless students. I was fortunate to be one of those students."

When reflecting on his time at Columbia, Daughdrill observes that the intellectual stimulation was noteworthy and that Columbia provided a time for "great faith and growth."

His current Columbia connections began his freshman year at Davidson College, when he met his roommate, Douglas Oldenburg. Furthermore, Charles Cousar '58 and Daughdrill were high school and college friends.

Daughdrill and his wife, Libby, have retired in Memphis. □

Ruth Lovell '00

Colloquium 2000
April 24-26

COLLOQUIUM 2000: WORSHIP and Music in the Twenty-First Century will feature as keynote speakers Don Saliers, professor of preaching and worship at Emory University, and Marva Dawn, theologian, author, educator. Thomas Troeger, professor of preaching and communications at Iliff School of Theology, is the preacher.

The following is a list of leaders and workshops offered Tuesday afternoon, April 25:

Tom Troeger and David Hurd
Creating and Designing Worship: A Lab School
David Batchelder
The Home as Family Church: Where We Sow the Seeds of Church
Randy Rowland
Designing Contemporary Worship Services
Marva Dawn
Sabbath Keeping for Clergy as a Resource to Creating Worship
J. Frederick Holper
Reformed Worship: Living in Time and History, Our Reformed Liturgical Roots
Aimee Buchanan, Bill Buchanan, and Jodi Martin
Worship and Youth
Paul Detterman
Music in the Worship Service: Tough Choices
Deborah McKinley
Worship Ideas in the Church Year
Porter Remington
Anthem Reading for Musicians
TBA
Preaching in the Church of the Millennium
Sidney Fowler
Imagination and Creativity: Their Role in Worship

Plus, alumni/ae events and reunions. For more information, call 404/687-4566.

John Conant has served Columbia in numerous ways. A member of the Board of Trustees, he chaired that group from 1989 through 1995. He also chaired Columbia's capital campaign for $34 million, which was, at the time, the largest capital campaign in theological education.

Columbia's award is given to a lay person whose gifts of time, talents, and leadership within the seminary community and the wider church have been exemplary.

Columbia presents first Distinguished Lay Leadership Award

AT ITS FOUNDERS Dinner in October, Columbia Theological Seminary presented John A. Conant of Atlanta with its first Distinguished Lay Leadership Award.

A graduate of Yale University, Conant serves on the board of Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters, is a life director of the Robert W. Woodruff Arts Center and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra League, and is a trustee of Hillside Specialty Psychiatric Hospital. From 1979 to 1984, Conant was chair of the board of Metropolitan Atlanta Boys Clubs, Inc.

Conant is a member and trustee of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. That church is funding a faculty chair at Columbia, the Miriam H. and John A. Conant Chair of Worship, which will honor the lifelong contributions of the Conants to the church and enable Columbia to expand its offerings in the area of worship, arts, and music. □

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